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We're not privy to negotiations from Day 1, says Manolo Lopez son **BUSINESS** / B1

Tips from foodies: Where to eat in Baguio, Sagada **LIFESTYLE** / C1

Palace rejects Duterte resignation from Napolcom **NEWS** / A2

Ban on OFW deployment in Lebanon, Jordan lifted

By Christian V. Esguerra

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO YESterday approved a proposal to lift the total ban on the deployment of Filipino workers to Lebanon and Jordan, according to Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita.

"The Department of Foreign Affairs submitted a memorandum recommend-

BAN/A11

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS



BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM BIRTHDAY GIRL President Arroyo, who marks her 62nd birthday on April 5, gets an advance birthday cake after signing a law that allows companies to employ poor but deserving students aged between 15 and 25 years old. To advance her administration's educational agenda, Ms Arroyo has also instructed all state universities to devise a "socially sensitive tuition payment plan" and enforce the no-tuition, no-examination policy.

Abus, hostages desert hideout

No report of beheadings, say AFP, gov

By the Inquirer Staff

ABU SAYYAF KIDNAPPERS HAVE SLIPPED OUT of their Indanan forest hideout on Jolo Island under cover of darkness with their three Red Cross hostages in tow, local authorities said yesterday.

Still, officials yesterday sought proof of life from the abductors following reported sightings of the hostages late Tuesday. The military also deferred any rescue operation.

Sen. Richard Gordon said the kidnappers had sent him text messages asking why government forces had not pulled out of Jolo, but did not give details on the fate of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) workers.

"I haven't received any proof of life. I only have text messages. I want to talk to the three. It's a measure to rebuild confidence," said Gordon, chair of the Philippine National Red Cross.

The military also is seeking confirmation of the report by Sulu Gov. Abdusakur Tan that the kidnappers did not carry out their threat to behead Italian Eugenio Vagni, Swiss Andreas Notter and Filipino Mary Jean Lacaba on Tuesday.

"The military has not so far received any reports on the beheading of any of the ICRC kid-

ABUS, HOSTAGES/A11

'Singaporean terrorist' helping Abus, says Puno

AN "INTERNATIONAL TERRORist" from Singapore was acting on behalf of Islamic militants in the 79-day Red Cross hostage crisis, Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno told local television yesterday.

The "Singapore" militant served as an interpreter for the Abu Sayyaf group as it negotiated with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Manila government, Puno said.

He said "the Singaporean," whom he did not identify, could also have made contact with relatives of a Swiss and an Italian who were among three Red Cross workers abducted on Jolo Island on Jan. 15.

"Apparently a Singaporean has been moving along with the group and serving as their interpreter," Puno said.

He said the Abu Sayyaf had also apparently contacted the hostages' relatives in Europe and he suspected the Singaporean "is

SINGAPOREAN/A11

Michael Ray jail term cut to 3 years

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY—A federal judge on Tuesday reduced the sentence of a former Philippine National Police (PNP) officer who three years ago pleaded guilty to receiving classified US government documents.

Former Senior Supt. Michael Ray Aquino, however, still faces a court battle over whether he will have to return to the Philippines to face charges in connection with the Dacer-Corbito double murders.

Aquino, 42, has been in prison since his arrest in 2005 for accepting the documents from Leandro Aragoncillo, a Filipino-American and former US Marine who once worked as an aide to Vice Presidents Al Gore and Dick Cheney.

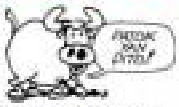
Prosecutors alleged that the documents, which reached Aquino from May to August 2005, were stolen as part of a

MICHAEL/A11



WISHES HANG ON THE CROSS Urban poor groups post their wish list (inset) on a giant cross erected in front of the Quiapo Church in the run-up to the Holy Week, which starts on Palm Sunday. One wish says, "Sana ay makakain akong Jollibee." The annual "Calvary" march, which started in 1987, depicts the parallelism between the sufferings of Jesus during his passion and death and that of the metropolis' poor. It also celebrates God's "preferential" love for the poor.





Jobless chill out in this 'Olympics'

NEW YORK—WHO HASN'T SEcretly wished he could pin the blame on his boss? Or slam office equipment against the pavement?

Dozens of unemployed people got the chance to do exactly that during the tongue-in-cheek Unemployment Olympics on Tuesday.

JOBLESS/A11

Pagasa chief wants more Pinoy Galileos

By Alcuin Papa

"THE PHILIPPINES DOES NOT GIVE IMportance to scientific discoveries, more so in the field of astronomy," said Frederick Gabriana, an instructor at the Rizal Technological University's Department of Astronomy. He also noted a "low awareness" of science and technology among Filipinos.

To illustrate his point, he cited the discovery of a second red spot on Jupiter in February 2006 by Christopher Go of the University of San Carlos in Cebu.

He said the discovery merited front-page treatment in the New York Times and was big news in the scientific community in other countries, but was not even reported in the Philippines.

To get Filipinos, particularly the youth, interested in science and technology, we should first get them interested in astronomy, according to the chief of the Philip-

PAGASA/A11



THE PRIVATE LIFE Already, the most private member of the first family, Luli Arroyo-Bernas, is leading the kind of life that she wants to lead after her mother's term ends next year: No security escorts.

No makeup, escorts, driver for simple Luli

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

PROUD OF WHAT HER MOTHer had accomplished, Evangeline Lourdes "Luli" Arroyo-Bernas yesterday said she was looking forward to returning to private life when President Macapagal-Arroyo's term ends next year.

She said her mother's nine-year presidency had "its ups and downs," but "I think overall my mother did quite well, so we are proud of that."

NO MAKEUP/A11

CHR INQUIRY

Soldiers linked to Pitao slay testify behind drapes

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—SOLDIERS IMplicated in the abduction and murder last month of a daughter of a communist guerrilla faced the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) late yesterday in a makeshift booth set up in a function hall of Royal Mandaya Hotel.

Earlier in the day, CHR Chair Leila de Lima and Armed Forces officials argued over the issue of national security and the need to protect the identities of the members of the Military Intelligence Group (MIG) and Military Intelligence Battalion (MIB) tagged as responsible for the brutal murder of 20-year-old Rebelyn Pitao, a daughter of New People's Army leader Leoncio Pitao alias Commander Parago.

SOLDIERS/A7



THE FACE OF GRIEF Evangeline Pitao, mother of Rebelyn, who was raped and killed allegedly by soldiers, breaks down while testifying during the CHR's hearing in Davao City on Wednesday. The victim was the daughter of the NPA regional leader in Davao.

Second FRONT PAGE

WEATHER FORECAST

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Stay put, Palace tells Duterte

By TJ Burgonio

MALACAÑANG SAID DAVAO CITY MAYOR RODRIgo Duterte should retain control of the city police force even as it balked at suggestions that the Palace order a separate investigation of Duterte over the killing of 800 civilians by alleged "death squads."



MOTHER'S GRIEF Evangeline Pizo breaks down as she recounts the abduction of her daughter, Rebelyn, who was later found dead, during yesterday's hearing of the Commission on Human Rights on the unsolved killings in Davao City. In foreground is CHR chair Leila de Lima.

Presidential commission

Mere outburst

Curbing criminality



Why probe Davao slays only? Nograles asked

A PARTY-LIST REPRESENTATIVE ACCUSED House Speaker Prospero Nograles of taking an undue interest in the alleged summary executions in Davao City because it involved his political rival, Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.

Pagasa sees rains until Holy Week

By Alcuin Papa

SHOWERS ON HOLY WEEK?

No time left for Con-ass – Villafuerte

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No reason to take Joma off terror list–Palace

By TJ Burgonio

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With a report from AFP

PAMPI Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Inducts 2009 Officers & Directors





MESSAGES









The Philippine Association of Meat Processors of the Philippines, Inc. (PAMPI) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year, and is set to induct tonight, April 2, its new set of officers and directors, with the mandate of sustaining the growth of the meat processing industry in the face of global challenges.

PAMPI, which serves as the private sector partner of the government in making available to the Filipino people high-quality and affordable meat products, will hold the induction ceremony at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila Hotel in Makati at 6:30 pm.

Amid the tough economic environment that has affected other sectors of the economy in most countries globally, the association celebrates its 20th year as a solid and robust industry group, under this year's theme *The Processed Meat Industry: Steadfast in the Face of Challenges*.

PAMPI, which groups the largest meat processors in the country, directly employs 35,000 Filipinos and provides indirect employment to 50,000 others. It is a major component of the country's PhP 380-billion livestock and poultry industry, where more than 800,000 people depend on for their livelihood.

Food spending in the Philippines has been on the rise, as Filipino consumers continue to give priority to the nutrition of their families. As a result, the contribution of the meat processing industry to the economy continues to grow, albeit the economic challenges ahead.

Mr. Felix O. Tiukinhoy, Jr. of Virginia Food Inc., who was re-elected as PAMPI president for the tenth straight year, said while economists believe that 2009 is going to be difficult, the meat processing industry is in a steadfast position to serve the expanding market.

Mr. Tiukinhoy, however, cited the need for the industry to count the support of all its members, so that it will remain strong as ever.

"PAMPI has been resilient, and steadfast in achieving its goals and objectives. We all recognize that the next months will reflect the global economic meltdown and we need to help one another in keeping our businesses motoring on," he said.

PAMPI invited guests from the government as well as the livestock and poultry, the tin can manufacturers, the meat materials and the ingredients sectors to provide insights on the supply of these materials as well as the policies needed to better serve the market and ensure the steady growth of the industry.

The association has been a constant partner of the government in keeping prices of meat products affordable, while the government has been willing to listen to sound suggestions on how to address the threats and challenges faced by the industry.

For the new set of officers and directors, Mr. Tiukinhoy challenged them to live up to their mandate of sustaining the industry objective of the meat processors, which is to "provide dependable supply of safe, wholesome meat products at affordable prices to all Filipinos."

PROGRAM

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So the Public May Know

Pandacan Oil Depot Issue

Various media articles have cited that the proposed city ordinance allowing the continued stay of the Pandacan oil depots (composed of the facilities of Shell, Petron and Chevron) will promote environmental degradation and pose health threats to Manila residents. Further, reports said that majority of the residents surrounding the oil depots are against their continued stay.

We at Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation (Shell) believe that the public will benefit to know important facts that will help in their better understanding of these issues.

The Shell Pandacan oil depot has been operating in the country for more than 90 years with no major incident because health, safety, security and environment are paramount concerns for Shell. The safety and environmental standards our company applies to the depot far exceed national and even international standards. The depot is subjected to regular environmental and safety audits both by internal and external experts. These include our local and global safety engineers, ISO auditors, insurance inspectors, and government agencies, such as the Department of Energy, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Bureau of Fire Protection, Laguna Lake Development Authority and Manila City Government.

We work hard in ensuring that we manage our environmental impacts, including our emissions and use of resources such as water and energy. We have also worked closely with the Pandacan communities in promoting environment protection through sustainable initiatives, such as Triple B or the Bawas Basura sa Barangay waste management and segregation programme (which is participated in by the six surrounding barangays of the Shell Pandacan oil depot), the annual Pasig River Clean-Up drive and creation of the Shell Linear Park, a 6,110 square metre perimetre landscaped area located between the depot and the residential communities which is designed to provide additional safety and security for the neighbouring communities while serving as a recreation area for Pandacan residents.

Shell has been recognised for a number of these environmental best practices. In 2005, Shell received an Environmental Award of Merit from the DENR for our Pandacan Scale Down "Green Buffer Zone" Project (which includes the Linear Park), crediting the company's compliance with DENR Standards and contributions to rehabilitate the Pasig River. With our continuing work to save the Pasig River, two neighbouring barangays of our Pandacan depot endorsed Shell on the same year, this time for our entry to the National Dangal ng Ilog Award, a citation given by the environmental non-government organisation Sagip Pasig Movement to communities, companies or institutions nationwide whose exemplary effort has helped conserve and preserve the environment and the state of the Philippine rivers. Just recently, in January 2009, Nestle Philippines' recognised Shell through its Greening the Supply Chain award for Shell's Effluent Quality Improvement Project or EQUIP, which addresses the effective effluent or wastewater management in Shell depots nationwide, including Pandacan. While the oil industry is not a big water user, Shell recognises that it has a contribution to make to preserve the integrity of water systems, especially in areas where the company operates. In a study conducted as part of the Pasig River Rehabilitation Programme, it was found that industrial waste contributed 30% of the pollution of the Pasig River, as against 70% from domestic and solid waste.

Due to our continuing societal contributions, the Pandacan depots have earned the support of the 42 barangays living closest to its terminals, representing around 80,000 residents. These barangays have in fact submitted a position paper to the Manila City Council in March 2003 for the continued stay of the Pandacan depots. During the recent Council Hearing on Ordinance 7177 held on March 13, 2009, a number of these barangays, represented by their barangay chairs, have again confirmed support for the continued stay of industries in their area, including the Pandacan oil depots. In Shell's own community survey, which we conduct biennially to measure our social performance in the three barangays adjacent to our facility, majority of residents rated Shell's performance highly on areas of health and environment, and expressed overwhelming support for our depot's continued stay.

The Pandacan oil depots currently employ more than 1,500 people, 80% of which are from the surrounding Pandacan communities. Throughout decades of operations, Shell has been implementing a variety of sustainable development programmes, which have ushered in employment, livelihood sustainability, youth development, and increased health, safety and environment awareness of the people in the nearby barangays.

On a larger scale, the Pandacan oil depots are important not only to the three oil companies but are essential to the national economy since they supply fuels and lubricants to various strategic industries. The depots supply 50% of the country's total demand for fuel, 90% of lubricants requirements, and 25% of chemical needs nationwide, including strategic industries such as aviation and shipping. The Pandacan oil depots are therefore a vital energy source for the country and their closure would have serious consequences, particularly supply disruptions.

With the move to cease the depots' continuing operations in Pandacan, we have filed a motion for reconsideration with the Supreme Court, appealing to the Highest Court to take a second look on its resolution to review their finding on the legality of spot zoning passed under Manila Ordinance 8027. The Joint Foreign Chambers, the National Competitiveness Council and various business organisations have echoed our serious concern that spot zoning will have disastrous effects on investments as it puts in question the tenure of any business or industry in the country.

As part of our business principles, Pilipinas Shell recognises the importance of an open and transparent dialogue and engagement with our stakeholders. To this end, we endeavour to listen and respond to any stakeholder interested to know more about the issues surrounding the Pandacan oil depot and the detailed measures we have put in place to address concerns on health, safety, security and the environment.

Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation

Body count rising, says human rights group

More killings

Lesson from martial rule

Soldiers linked to Pitao slay testify behind drapes

Pitao's suspects

No cameras

Contradictory dates

Security

Jobless chill out in this 'Olympics'

Trying to be positive

Prizes from merchants

Cool to be unemployed



No makeup, escorts, driver for simple Luli

Married life

Simplicity

Sacrifice



Ban on OFW deployment in Lebanon, Jordan lifted

Confusion

Labor agreements

Lifting rushed

Matter of survival

Michael Ray jail term cut to 3 years; extradition still pending

Charged since 2001



MICHAEL RAY AQUINO

No confrontation in US

Lacson, Estrada got papers

HK writer: 'So sorry, I crossed the line'



THE GRADUATES

SC upholds Negros solon

Farmers buck new twist in new CARP

Vince Perez heads renewable energy body

Jane Subang interment tomorrow

Camarines High reunion

An 'indecent proposal'

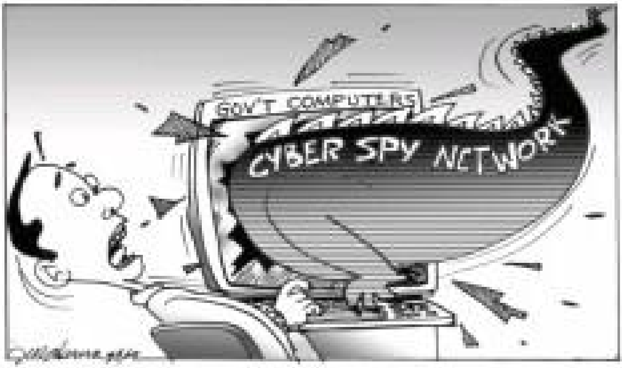
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OPINION

Proof of life

EDITORIAL



Surreal silence

VIEWPOINT



Juan L. Mercado

Fall back

THERE'S THE RUB



Conrado de Quiros

Is there such an animal as a 'transition president'?



POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

We are not diminished



HUMAN FACE

Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

Brains without bodies (2)



THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III

Waiting

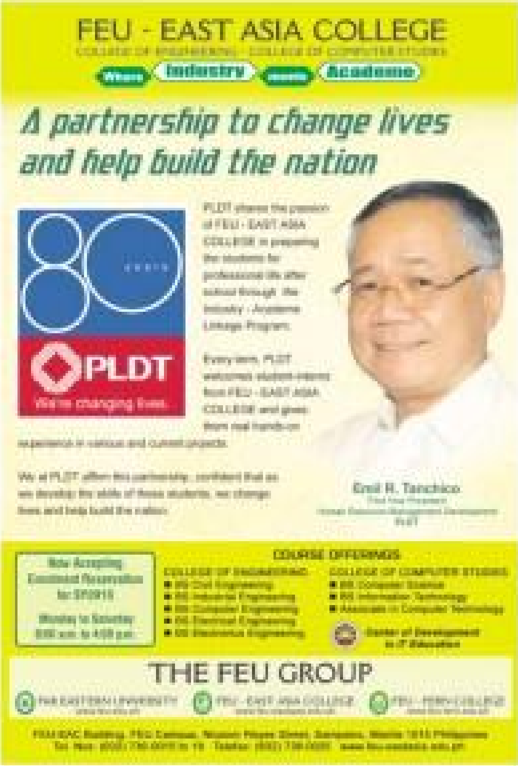
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NOTICE TO YOUNGBLOOD CONTRIBUTORS

THEY SAID

Out of proportion

BSP knew all about Legacy's woes since 2005





Enrile vs resolution, not idea of bigger House

Educational plan useless for two years

INQUIRER Southern Luzon

Marinduqueños act on toxic river woes

By Gerald Gene Querubin
Mogpog, Marinduque

THIRTEEN YEARS AFTER MINE TAILINGS spilled into the Boac River that left the water body biologically dead and endangered thousands of human lives and public health, Marinduqueños are still saddled with millions of cubic meters of toxic open-pit copper mine waste.



Across the NATION

Assistant Editor Tony Bergonia

12 rebels killed in 2 days of clashes

COTABATO CITY—AT least a dozen guerrillas were killed as clashes between government forces and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels in North Cotabato entered its second day yesterday, the military said.



GREEN ALGAE isn't visible from this part of Boracay Island that became venue for a state dinner hosted by President Macapagal-Arroyo for Prime Minister Michael Somare of Papua New Guinea.

Green algae in Boracay draws attention of GMA

100 US troops arrive to start humanitarian work in Bicol

Numbers game in Vizcaya, Cagayan stopped



Kidnappers free 9-year-old boy in Basilan

No ransom paid

Celebrating with lechon

Abus, hostages desert hideout in forest

Kidnappers disperse

Signal to strike awaited

Concern from Italy's president

Bishops call for prayers

TIMELINE

Highlights in 10-week Sulu hostage crisis

'Singaporean terrorist' serving as Abu interpreter, says Puno

'Simple-minded'

No assist from US

Monitor radio

100-hour marathon for astronomy

'Tweets'

Galileoscope

Church's mistake

Pagasa chief wants more Pinoy Galileos; RP joins int'l marathon

Oldest science

Scientific revolution

Cavs score 13th straight victory

Almost but not quite for Tan



GRACIELLE Tan tries again in Germany.

GPS developer tops Hyundai golf

Young cagers flying to US to watch NBA

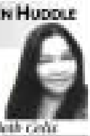


JUNIOR NBA participants practice their dribbling skills.

SPORTS

A survey gone haywire and Cebu dancing

IN HUDDLE



Beth Celis

Leviste, Tolentino eyed for POC board seats

Roach: Hitman's defense suspect



EAST VS WEST Manny Pacquiao (left) and Ricky Hatton oblige photographers during a press conference.

Injury cancels Concepcion-Luevano bout



CONCEPCION

Shake-up in RP billiards: Fair poll or dirty coup?

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad



Southwoods golf tees off

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Pasig hosts 4-cock derby

UGBA derby gets going today


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MEGAWORLD

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Manila council in hot water

By Philip C. Tubeza and Jeannette I. Andrade

A CIVIL SOCIETY GROUP YESterday asked the Office of the Ombudsman to kick out from public office 20 Manila councilors who approved a proposed ordinance that would allow the controversial Pandacan oil depot to continue operating in the heart of the city.

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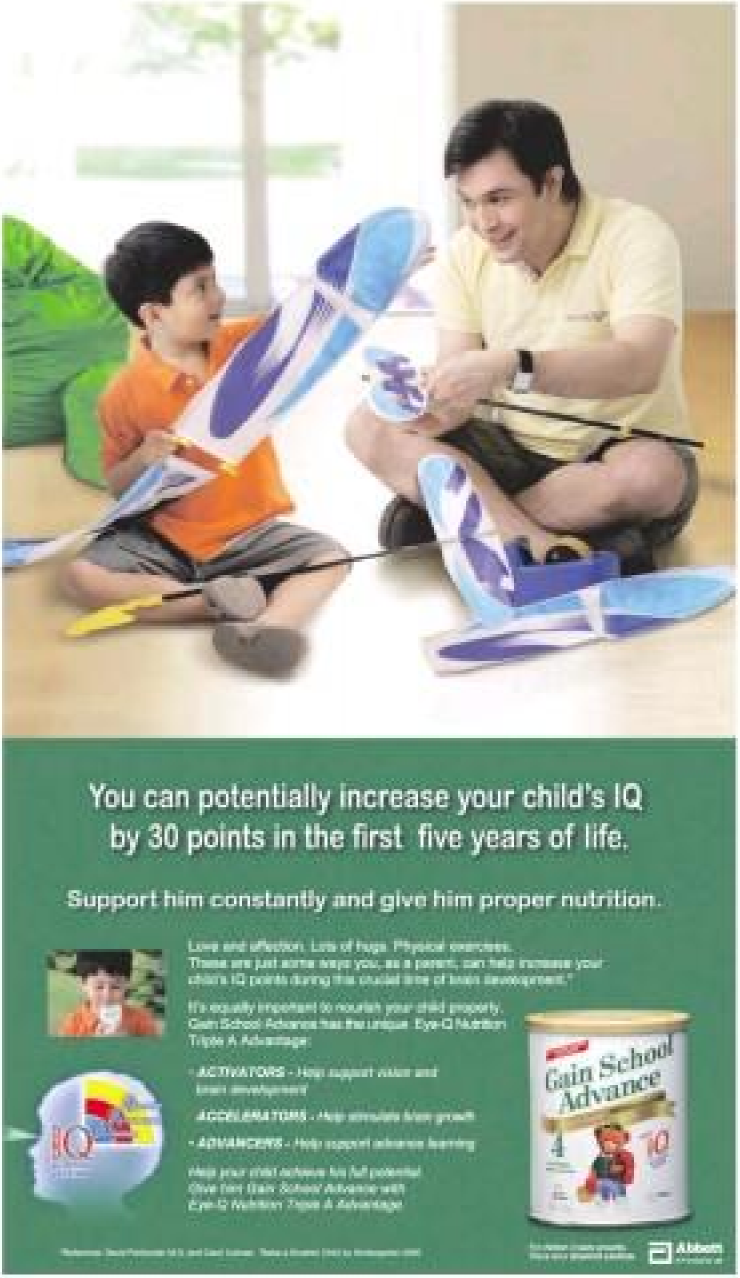
MANILA A22

Group files ouster bid vs city dads over zoning measure

Lim bares choice for MPD top post

By Jeannette I. Andrade

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Soon, more CCTVs to be installed all over Metro



UNIQUE AND TIMELY FORM OF PROTEST

Bayani still intent on running for president

Save the criminal or protect the innocent?

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

METROBRIEFS

Missionary mauled in QC

Bus runs over PTA worker

Cop in physical injury rap

Dominican College fiesta set

Talent manager rebuts GMA 7 exec's charges

By Nancy C. Carvajal

Manila council in hot water

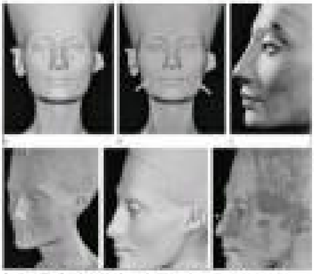
Obama faces high-stakes meetings with leaders of Russia, China

Embattled Thai gov't offers talks with fugitive ex-premier



THAI anti-government protesters and supporters of deposed Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra dance with Thaksin's posters during a demonstration outside the government house in Bangkok on Wednesday. AP

CT scan reveals hidden face under Nefertiti bust



THE BUST of Nefertiti is shown in this undated photo composite released on Tuesday. Researchers in Germany have used a modern medical procedure to uncover a secret within one of ancient Egypt's most treasured artworks—the bust of Nefertiti has two faces. AP

WorldBriefs

Suspected US missile kills 13 militants

Argentina leader Alfonsin dies

Malaysia outgoing leader bids farewell

2 wounded in Canada home shooting

Flu outbreak hits tiny South Pacific atolls

The WORLD

N. Korea threatens to shoot down spy planes

SEOUL—NORTH KOREA ACCUSED THE UNITED States of spying on the site of an impending rocket launch and threatened on Wednesday to shoot down any US planes that intrude into its airspace.

... AP

Conficker worm digs in around the world

SAN FRANCISCO—COMPUTER security top guns around the world watched warily as the dreaded Conficker worm squirmed deeper into infected machines with the arrival of an April 1st trigger date.

... AFP



TWO TOURISTS kiss in front of the Eiffel tower on March 31 in Paris. The Eiffel Tower will get a fresh coat of brown paint for its 120th birthday, but will stay open to the public throughout the 18-month makeover. AFP

Eiffel Tower gets makeover

PARIS—THE EIFFEL TOWER IS TO GET A fresh coat of brown paint for its 120th birthday but will stay open to the public throughout the 18-month makeover, operators said on Tuesday.

... AFP

2 US journalists face long jail term

SEOUL—TWO AMERICAN journalists detained in North Korea could land in a notorious labor camp for years if convicted on charges of illegal entry and "hostile acts."

... AP

Ex-Taiwan leader Chen back on trial

TAIPEI—FORMER TAIWAN leader Chen Shui-bian was back in the dock on Wednesday, fighting the first of several court cases he says have been orchestrated by a vindictive government angered by his anti-China views.

... AFP

IN THIS ISSUE

Editor Raul D. Marcelo • Associate Editor Connie S. Mariano

BUSINESS

IN THIS ISSUE

Family rift over Meralco sale widens

We were never privy to negotiations, says Manuel Lopez's son

CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



DESPITE STATEMENTS THAT ALL IS WELL AND THAT the family is still as tight-knit as ever, the Lopez family saga over the sale of Manila Electric Co. to the PLDT group continues.

BSP urged to lower interest rates further





Crisis curbs demand for high-end property

Ayala Land bullish on malls, cheaper housing

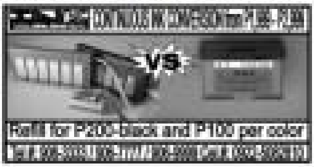
Stocks end slightly lower on profit-taking



Investor hikes stake in ATS

Convergys sees rise in ARM business in RP

By Abigail L. Ho



StarTek hires more agents for Makati unit

Abigail L. Ho

DOE awards oil exploration, coal operating deals

By Amy R. Remo

NGCP warned against hiring foreign engineers

Remittances sent via informal channels declining steadily

BSP: Good for country's GIR

Thrill over House bills

BREAKTIME



Conrado R. Banal III

Family rift over Meralco sale widens

BSP urged to lower interest rates further

BUSINESS

RP seeks ₱9.82B more in ODA

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ADB expands financing program on trade to $1B

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SMC gets full control of carton units

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LIFESTYLE Food
Editor: Thelma Sioson San Juan



Where to eat in Baguio and Sagada this summer

Old time favorites, recent discoveries–from eggplant pasta to 'adobong kambing'–here are tips from foodies



SUMMER ESCAPE GUIDE



YOGHURT House in Sagada



CRYSTAL Prawns at Café by the Ruins in Baguio

KITCHEN RESCUE

Reggie Aspiras

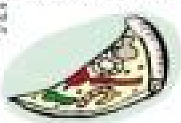
IF YOU'RE AT A LOSS ON where to go and dine this summer—outside the city, that is—here's a list of favorite destinations by foodie friends. Enjoy summer, travel safe, eat well and be merry!



Sagada

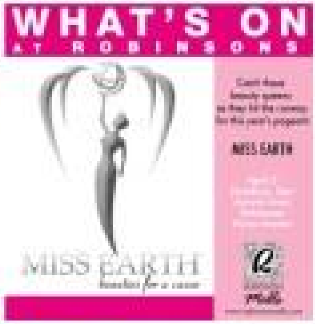


Baguio





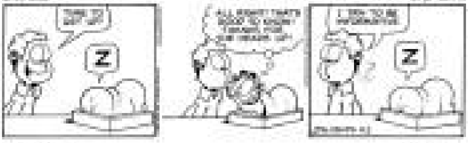








GARFIELD



A. LIPIN



PUGAD BABOY



DICK TRACY



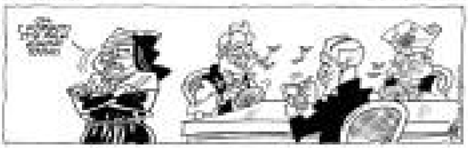
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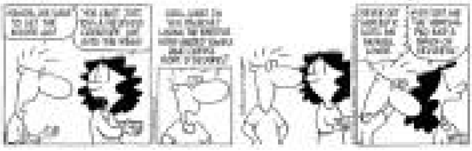
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DIVINE COMEDY

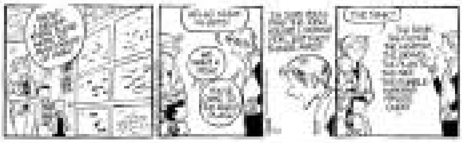


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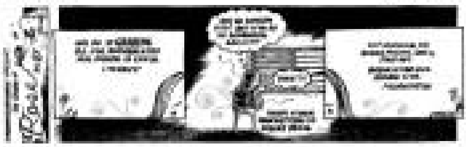


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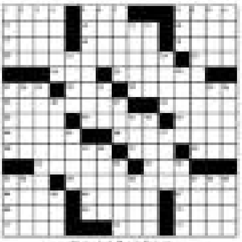
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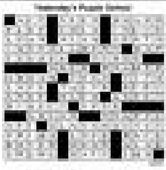
HOROSCOPE

By Francis Drake

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

7		8			9			
	9	1		6			5	
					3			6
						5	4	9
8	1	3						
6			2					
	4			9		1	3	
			4			9		8

Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

1	2	9	6	5	3	4	7	8
7	6	4	2	8	1	9	3	5
8	5	3	4	9	7	6	1	2
4	9	1	5	7	6	8	2	3
5	8	2	9	3	4	7	6	1
6	3	7	1	2	8	5	9	4
9	1	5	8	6	2	3	4	7
3	4	8	7	1	9	2	5	6
2	7	6	3	4	5	1	8	9

Lenten treats at Chelsea



[illegible]



EASTER SPECIALS

Tagaytay brunch, 'Asian-flavored' cheesecakes

DINING OUT

[illegible]

Easter crossover at Dusit Thani Manila

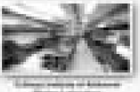


[illegible]

Sofitel's global buffet

[illegible]





New Luk Yuen branch



[illegible]

Peking Garden's graduation gift



[illegible]

Pizza Gondola



[illegible]

Buy-one, take-one wine offer



[illegible]

Texan chow



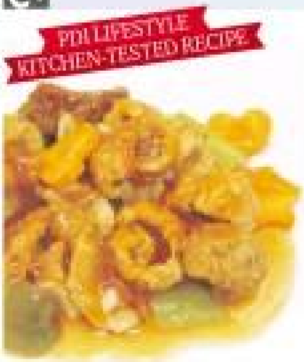
[illegible]

Jackfruit cheesecake



[illegible]





Sweet and sour 'chicharon'

A good shortcut–use already cooked 'chicharon'

Cook's tips:

Relish Vigan specialties and culture

COUNTRY COOKING







Vigan on a weekend

Are you committing foodservice suicide?



The Ultimate Breakfast Companion: McDonald's Premium Roast Coffee





Milk drink offers complete nutrition for kids



Entertainment

Life in the virtual world



ALL THE RIGHT MOVES

Censors launch writing tilt

By Marinel R. Cruz

THE MOVIE AND TELEVISION Review and Classification Board [illegible]

[illegible]

Film appreciation

[illegible]

'Noble intention'

[illegible]

Reservations

[illegible]

From zero to hero ... and vice versa

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

[illegible]



CNN 'hero' nominee Efren Peñaflorida

From zero…

From page D1

'The Tale of Despereaux'

New Asianovela

Iwa Moto…

CINEMA ACCESS: 390-5555

MOVIEWORLD

ROBINSONS MOVIEWORLD CINEMA MOVIE GUIDE

GALLERIA

1 FAST and FURIOUS 4
2 KNOWING
3 ACE VENTURA
4 THEY WAIT
5 SUNDO
6 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS
7 WOLFHOUND
8 PASANG KRUS
9 RACE to WITCH MOUNTAIN
10 NEW IN TOWN / 12 ROUNDS

ERMITA

1 THEY WAIT
2 ACE VENTURA
3 PASANG KRUS / SUNDO
4 FAST and FURIOUS 4
5 KNOWING
6 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS
7 WOLFHOUND

METRO EAST

1 THEY WAIT
2 ACE VENTURA
3 FAST and FURIOUS 4
4 KNOWING
5 SUNDO
6 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS
7 WOLFHOUND
8 PASANG KRUS

NOVALICHES

1 WOLFHOUND
2 FAST and FURIOUS 4
3 PASANG KRUS
4 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS

PIONEER

1 THEY WAIT
2 ACE VENTURA
3 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS
4 FAST and FURIOUS 4

STA. ROSA

1 FAST and FURIOUS 4
2 KNOWING
3 STREETFIGHTER
4 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS

LIPA

1 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS
2 SUNDO
3 THE UNBORN
4 STREETFIGHTER

DASMARIÑAS

1 FAST and FURIOUS 4
2 KNOWING
3 THE UNBORN
4 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS

IMUS

1 FAST and FURIOUS 4
2 KNOWING
3 THE UNBORN
4 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS

ANGELES

1 FAST and FURIOUS 4
2 KNOWING
3 HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU
4 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS

STARMILLS

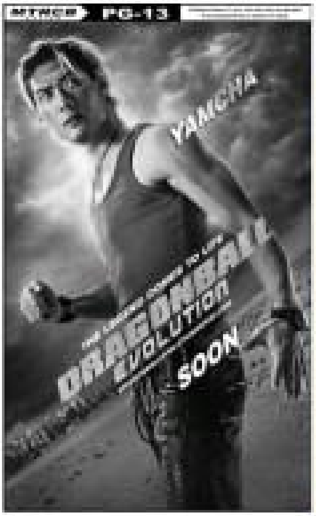
1 FAST and FURIOUS 4
2 KNOWING
3 THE SECRET of MOONACRE
4 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS
5 SUNDO
6 THE UNBORN

BACOLOD

1 RACE to WITCH MOUNTAIN / SUNDO
2 KNOWING
3 THE UNBORN
4 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS
5 PASANG KRUS
6 TAKEN

ILOILO

1 THE SECRET of MOONACRE
2 KNOWING
3 GRAN TORINO / SUNDO
4 MONSTERS vs. ALIENS
5 PASANG KRUS
6 TAKEN



Iwa Moto copes with love and loss

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

[illegible]

Apologies

[illegible]


Iwa Moto reconciled with Japanese dad before his death

[illegible]

Random thoughts


BACK STORY
Lea Salonga

[illegible]

She didn't pay makeup artist, stylist

[illegible]



Kids Choice Awards

[illegible]

RUSHES SPECIAL

[illegible]



